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Egyptians throng Tahrir in support of army-backed revolt

CAIRO (AFP) - Opponents of Egypt's deposed Islamist president Mohamed Morsi packed Tahrir Square in their tens of thousands on Sunday to show the world his ouster was not a military coup but the reflection of the people's will.

Staged as a counter-demonstration two days after Islamist rallies exploded into deadly violence, the protest raised the stakes as the country's interim leaders struggled to put together a new government.

As the crowds grew, wave after wave of military aircraft skimmed over the capital, with one formation leaving behind long trails of smoke in black, white and red -- the colours of the Egyptian flag.

"We are on the street to show the world that it was a popular revolution and not a coup that overthrew" Morsi on Wednesday, said a beaming teacher who gave her name as Magda.

Many banners showed the protesters' anger with the United States for what they perceive as its support for Morsi, as well as American

media coverage depicting his ouster as a coup.

"America shame on you! This is a revolution, not a coup!" read one, echoing a chant heard in Tahrir, again and again. Others carried portraits of army chief Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, the general behind Morsi's ouster.

President Barack Obama insisted overnight that the United States was "not aligned" with any political party or group in Egypt following Morsi's ouster.

"The future path of Egypt can only be determined by the Egyptian people," the White House quoted him as saying.

The Tamarod movement, which engineered the June 30 rallies that culminated in Morsi's overthrow, had led calls for people to gather at Tahrir and Ittihadiya presidential palace to "complete the revolution".

Their Islamist rivals staged their own huge demonstrations in Cairo, where police armed with Kalashnikov assault rifles watched over the pro-Morsi demonstrators.

AIFF winners announced at final red carpet premiere party at Divi Links



Actors and crew Back of Beyond

The patio of the Divi Links Golf Course was a congenial setting for the announcement of the winners of the Aruba International Film Festival 2013 Caribbean Spotlight Series winners, on Friday evening, July 5.

An essential part of the festival is the screening of entries by regional filmmakers, with a sub-category of short films titled the Aruba Flavor Awards. Winners are decided by jury selection and audience vote. This year, the AIFF Caribbean Spotlight Series Jury was comprised of busy film producer originally from Holland, but now living in Curaçao, Michel Drenthe, U.S. actor, Nick Holmes, known for playing Robert Grimaldi on "The Gilmore Girls," and Venezuelan producer Delfina Catalá. This diverse and international jury brought a regional and worldly sensibility to the judging.

The winners were selected by the jury for the Best Aruba Flavor Short Film was "Back of Beyond," directed by Leonardo Aguirre, in Eng-

lish. It told the story of a grieving and conflicted teenager played by Scott Smit, who is living a secluded life. A dying senile old man played by Roy d'Aguiar periodically intrudes on his solitude to teach him some life lessons.

The People's Choice Award of the Aruba Flavor competition was "The Shadows are Shining," an animated piece by Aruban artists and filmmaker Ken Wolff. It is described as "a visual poem about the echoes of light left behind within the

shadows of our everyday lives."

Jury Award in the Caribbean Spotlight Series went to "Brecha en el Silencio," (Breath of Silence) by Venezuelan filmmakers Luis and Andres Rodriguez. It tells the story of Ana, an impoverished, hearing-impaired young woman played by Vanessa di Quattro, who decides to save her two younger brothers from the abusive life she suffered with a cruel stepfather and indifferent mother.

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Parliament approves Gov. initiative regarding tourism tariffs

Last Thursday the legal ordinance regarding changes in tourism tariffs was discussed in Parliament. The government received the support of 13 votes in favor of the proposal to make changes in the tariffs that hotels charge for their tourism activities.

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Hence the decision to change the legal ordinance regarding tourism tariffs.

This entails that the changes in the law regarding the 'all-inclusive' hotels which previously were 9.5% of the 40% of their tariff, as of August 1st will now become 9.5% of 45% of their tariff. As of January 1st, 2014 this will increase to 50%.

Minister Oduber explained that the 9.5% tax on the initial 40% will continue to go to the Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA), while the additional 5% will go to the general island budget.

The Minister emphasized that this change in the law will in no way affect our

tourism regarding our pricing as we will remain competitive on the market in our region.

The Minister reflected on the study that was conducted upon which this decision is based. Tourism results of the past three years have shown that tourism is growing, including the recent data for June 2013 which shows an increase of 5.5% in the first six months of the year. Hence, the change in this law will not have a negative effect on our tourism. These last three years reports have shown a steady growth in our tourism. June 2013 review depicts a 5.5% growth and in the first six months of the year a 5.44% growth.

Weather update... Erick weakens to tropical storm off Mexico coast

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - Hurricane Erick was downgraded to a tropical storm on Sunday after losing some of its punch without having touched land.

At 1800 GMT, Erick was about 245 miles (395 kilometers) southeast of the southern tip of Baja California, according to the Miami based National Hurricane Center.

Maximum sustained winds for Erick were 65 miles (100 kilometers) per hour, moving toward the northwest at 10 miles (17 kilometers) per hour.

US weather forecasters said they still anticipate that the effects of the storm would be palpable even though Erick remains offshore, with "tropical storm conditions... in Baja California" by early Monday.

Some areas are also likely to experience heavy rains, mudslides and flash floods, the NHC said.

Erick is the fourth hurricane of the current storm season, after Barbara, Cosme and Dalila.

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Amidst the international glamour and glitter of the AIFF 2013, a large cadre of video and print journalists dedicated to the film industry were very busy for five days broadcasting the events around the world.

The Aruba Tourism Authority wished to showcase for them a more realistic aspect of island life, and they were treated to an island safari with ABC Tours. Around ten of them were taken through the Aruba Outback, escorted by ATA Communication Specialist Jonnie Tilma and Trade Relations Representative Enty Giel.

THE MORNING NEWS caught the group enjoying an authentic bit of Arubian cooking at Zeerover restaurant in Savaneta, known for the freshest fish and shrimp on the island. The journalists were so

impressed that Tim Wassberg of Inside Reel USA even filmed the charming waterside restaurant and interviewed the owner, Eric Bisslik.

When asked, they gave the

entire tour a double thumbs up, with particular praise for the unique and delightful experience of dining at this homey waterfront eatery.

By Rosalie Klein

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AIFF Ambassador Award recipient Randell Emmett (C) with **Jonathan Vieira** (L) and **Paul Verhoeven**

Together they embark on a journey of freedom.

The People's Choice Award of the Caribbean



AIFF Ambassador Award recipient Virginia Madsen

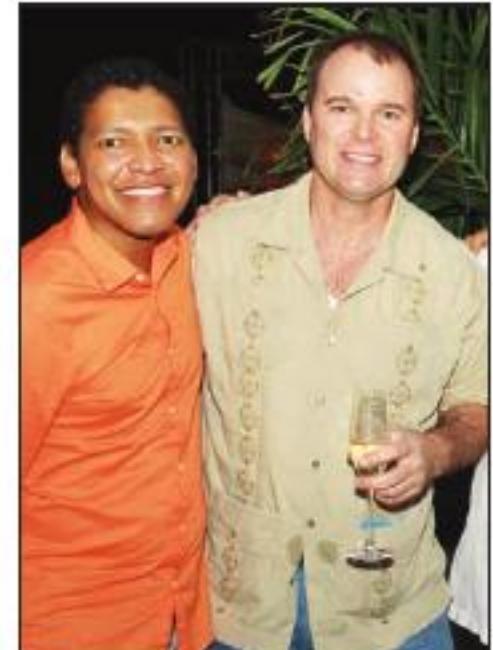
Raphaela Mahadeo and Miguel Genser, as Tatiana and Santiago. Though they do not like each other initially, they eventually fall deeply in love, and this love is severely tested. The film is a tribute to Aruba's "Father of Culture," Padu Lampe, as it is named for one of his most popular musical compositions and features several of them throughout the film.

This was the final red carpet premiere events, though screenings continued through Saturday, with showings of the Caribbean Spotlight Se-

ries and Aruba Flavor winners.

Friday evening also featured the world premieres of "Empire State," from noted producer Randall Emmett, known for the acclaimed "End of Watch," and over 80 films. It stars Liam Hemsworth and Dwayne Johnson, and is due to hit U.S. theaters soon. The other featured premiere was "The Hot Flashes" with visiting film star Virginia Madsen.

Madsen and Emmett were awarded "AIFF Ambassador Awards," gilded statues of Aruba's famous Divi trees for their support and contributions to the festival. Madsen attended last year's festival with the opening film "The



Juan Francisco Pardo: winner People's Choice Award

"Magic of Belle Isle" and Emmett announced he is already making plans to shoot a film on Aruba next year.

By Rosalie Klein



A scene from 'Brecha en el Silencio'



A scene from 'Abo So'

Aruba Hi-Winds spectators enjoy action on and off the water



One of island's most highly anticipated annual events, the Aruba Hi-Winds, is winding down today after a the never-

ending beach party that comprises their weekend activities. This year, the endless parade of distractions added a 25 KM bike race on a specially constructed arena and a fashion show of Banana Moon bikinis in a preview of the upcoming AIS/ Aruba In Style Fashion Week at the beginning of November.

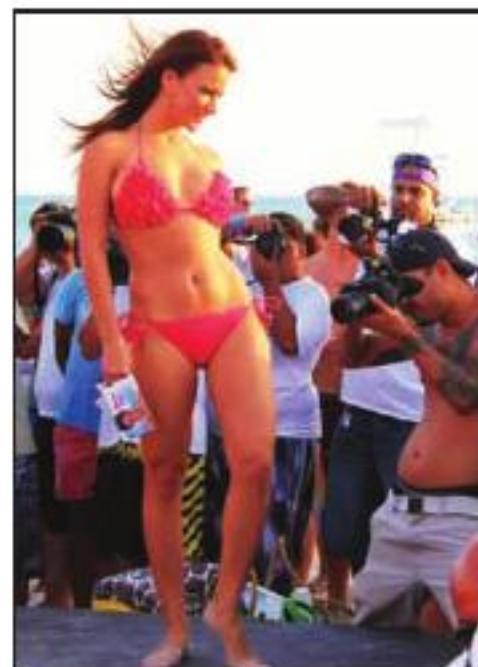
Undoubtedly, it was the sight of young ladies in stylish swimsuits that drew the greatest concentration of camera clicks.

Audience response was enthusiastic, fueled by a generous consumption of cheaply priced Amstel Bright Beer, official sponsors of the event. The weekend featured fun activities for all ages, and included a sunset show of kitesurfing prowess by a number of the competing athletes.

The breathtaking sight of dozens of colorful sails on



the horizon can be seen one last time this morning as the Aruba Hi-Winds conducts the final slalom races along the Palm Beach Shore. Tonight, the awards dinner will take place at the Paseo Herencia Shopping Mall in



Palm Beach, where the winners in all categories and division will be announced and trophies and prizes presented.

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Kozlov Dance Academy to
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Leonid and Adriana Kozlov, international ballet stars, announce the opening of their dance academy, scheduled for August 26th, in the Cricket Building located on Vondelaan.

Having danced with the world famous Bolshoi Ballet in Moscow, New York City Ballet, and all around the world, the Kozlov's will be training students in the Russian classical ballet tradition. With more than twenty year's of experience teaching in America and internationally, they have chosen to share their knowledge and passion-

with the children in Aruba. This decision was inspired by their work with dancers on the island over the past five years; in staging full length productions: Nutcracker, Firebird, Paquita, Swan Lake, and workshops in Cas di Cultura and Scol di Arte. The Kozlov's are excited to train the Aruban children full time.

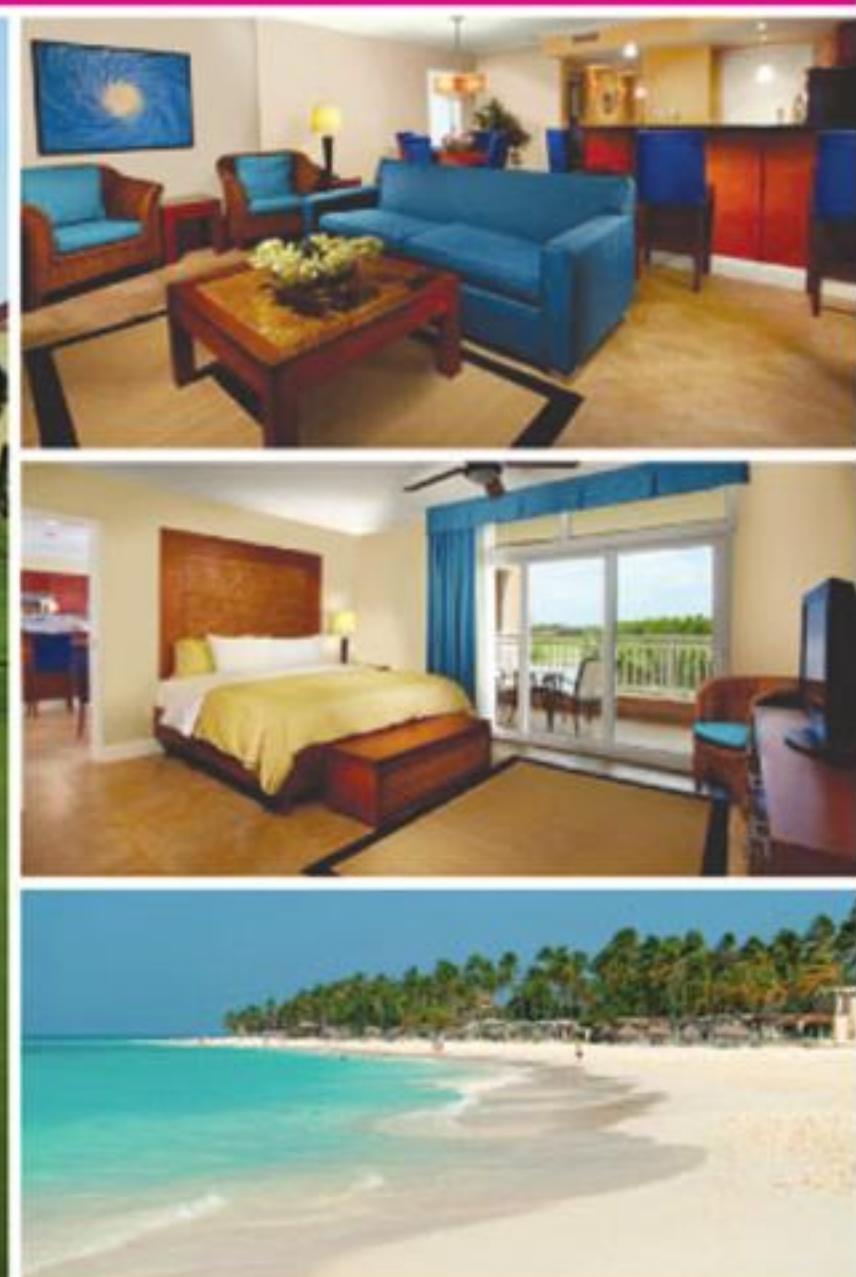
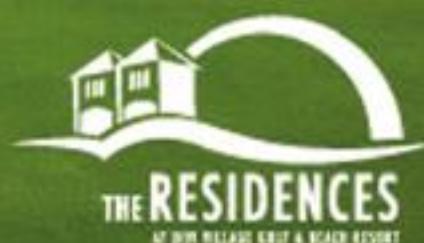
In addition to offering weekly classes, students will have the opportunity to participate in high quality performances with scenery and costumes handmade Russia.

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The dance academy is currently under renovation, being customized to create a professional dance studio. Until the renovation is complete, a temporary office has been set up in the Juluca Building (Victor Hugostraat/Vondellaan), just across the way from the Cricket Building.

Office and Inscription hours are Tuesday's and Thursday's 5:00pm-6:30pm and Saturday's 10:00am - 12:00pm.

For a class schedule, inscription and more information visit their website www.kozlovdance.com, stop by their office as noted above, or call 564-2670.

Over the past 5 years, he has dedicated his time to the dancers on the island of Aruba, staging full length productions and offering workshops with international guest teachers.

Find out more: www.leonidkozlov.com

Attention motorist Zandstraat to be closed off for traffic as of today!

BUVO, the department of Public Works wishes to announce the public that Zandstraat, the street running along Djiespi's Place and ending on the Mainstreet Oranjestad will be closed off for all motorists as of today July 8th. This is in connection with works that have to be completed in the mainstreet.



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Logistical nightmare clouds Snowden's asylum hopes

MOSCOW (AFP) - Fugitive US intelligence leaker Edward Snowden was staring at the logistical nightmare of escaping Russia for a safe haven in Latin America on Sunday after three leftist leaders offered him asylum in their states.

Bolivia on Saturday became the third country to extend an offer of asylum to the 30-year-old former US National Security Agency (NSA) contractor after similar guarantees from Venezuela and Nicaragua.

Bolivia will "give asylum to the American, if he asks", Bolivian President Evo Morales said.

All three nations have strained ties with Washington and represent Snowden's best options after his rejection by most of the 21 nations he had applied to for protection last week.

The fugitive himself remained hidden out of sight in a Moscow airport transit zone for the 15th day on Sunday after arriving there upon spilling his US surveillance secrets in Hong Kong.

But Snowden was back in the press with a claim published on Sunday that the NSA operated broad secret spying partnerships with other Western governments that are now complaining about its programmes.

Snowden told the German news weekly *Der Spiegel* that

NSA spies were "in bed together with the Germans and most other Western states".

Der Spiegel said it interviewed Snowden before his exposure of espionage practices last month.

Washington has urged Russia to hand over Snowden as a gesture of good will because the two sides have no extradition agreement.

President Vladimir Putin -- a former KGB spy who has often sparred with the White House during his 13 years in power -- has flatly refused and suggested that Snowden had better quickly decide where he wanted to go.

But Snowden's options at Moscow's Sheremetyevo airport are limited because the only flights to Latin America are routed through Cuba -- a country that has remained conspicuously silent throughout the dispute.

Snowden also faces the risk of his plane being grounded by a European country as happened to Bolivia's Morales when he was suspected of trying to smuggle the American from Moscow earlier this week.

Snowden never boarded his plane out of Moscow for Cuba on June 24 for unexplained reasons.

Analysts said it was likely that he was simply not allowed to board by the Russians because he had no valid transit papers after his US travel passport had been revoked.

Neither do countries such as Bolivia and Venezuela have consular sections in Sheremetyevo that could issue Snowden with the required papers.

The possibility of the American leaving Moscow with a foreign delegation is also slim given that dignitaries all fly to and from a separate airport called Vnukovo on the other side of Moscow to which Snowden has no access.

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US investigators: Asiana jet approached runway below target speed



SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - The Asiana Airlines jet that crashed at San Francisco Airport was "significantly below" its target speed and its pilots asked to abort the landing just 1.5 seconds before impact, US investigators said

Sunday.

National Transportation Safety Board chair Deborah Hersman said that air traffic control received a "call to go around" from the Boeing 777 aircraft and indicated that the engine was about to stall.

"During the approach, the data indicate that the throttles were at idle and air speed was slowed below the target air speed," of 137 knots, Hersman said at a press conference in San Francisco, noting that the plane was cleared for a visual approach given good weather.

Asked about the speed at which the plane was traveling, Hersman stressed "that the speed was significantly below" the target speed.

"We have to take another look at the raw data and corroborate it with radar and air traffic information to make sure we have a very precise speed. But again, we are not talking about a few knots here or there. We're talking about a significant amount of speed below 137," she said.

Two teenage girls from China were killed and 182 people were injured -- including more than 40 seriously -- when the airliner crashed while landing at the airport on Saturday.

The plane's speed on approach triggered an automatic emergency device called a "stickshaker" to warn the pilots that the plane was about to stall.

Hersman said: "There was a call out for a go around from one of the crew at 1.5 seconds prior to impact. And the call out is a -- is communication between the crew that they want to go around, that means they want to not land but apply power and go around and try to land again."

"Everything is on the table. It is too early to rule anything out," she added, noting that her team expected to be at the airport for around a week, probing the crash.

Briefs....

Russian train derails near Black Sea, dozens injured

MOSCOW (AFP) - At least 76 people were injured Sunday when a Russian passenger train traveling from Siberia derailed near the Black Sea, the emergency situations ministry said, giving its latest toll. Sixteen people including five children were admitted to hospital with serious injuries, while the rest were only slightly hurt, the health ministry said, according to Russian news agencies.

Israel ministers okay draft law on ultra-Orthodox

JERUSALEM (AFP) - The Israeli government on Sunday approved a draft law which will spell the end of a system which has seen tens of thousands of ultra-Orthodox exempt from military service. It stipulates that ultra-Orthodox Jewish men must either join the army or perform civilian service, and if passed it will be implemented over the next four years. The new law seeks to amend the current situation in which ultra-Orthodox men receive exemptions if they are studying in religious seminaries. Military service is compulsory in Israel, with men serving three years and women two.

Campaigning begins for Mali elections

BAMAKO (AFP) - Campaigning for Mali's watershed July 28 presidential election officially began on Sunday, with the nation struggling to move on from war and return to desperately needed constitutional order after an 18-month political crisis. The ballot will be the first since a coup in March last year that ousted the democratically elected president, just months before he was due to step down at the end of his final term in office. The transitional government lifted a nearly six-month state of emergency on Saturday, marking what officials hope will be a gradual return to normality ahead of the nationwide polls. But critics of the process argue that it is being rushed and, far from restoring democracy, it threatens to plunge the deeply divided west African nation further into chaos.

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International News

Five dead, 40 missing in Canada train disaster

LAC MEGANTIC (AFP) - Officials in Canada said Sunday they have located five bodies so far in their grim search for victims from the catastrophic derailment of an oil laden cargo train, and expect to find many more.

Ongoing fires meant police were still unable to conduct a full search of the charred wreckage at the disaster scene in the Quebec village of Lac-Megantic, where a runaway oil tanker train derailed and exploded.

The accident devastated the center of this small town 250 kilometers (155 miles) east of Montreal, and forced about 2,000 to flee their homes there.

Police spokesman Michel

Brunet said after finding one body late Saturday, they now have found four others and anticipate "many more" fatalities as a result of the disaster. He added that the official figure for missing people is 40.

Saturday's crash of an oil-laden train and subsequent explosions decimated the center of the village of Lac-Megantic, which has a population of just 6,000 people.

One firefighter said on condition of anonymity that there had been at least 50 people in one bar that was consumed by the flames.

The explosion completely leveled more than four blocks of the town's downtown area, and it took firefighters 18

hours to contain the inferno -- and at least two oil-tanker cars continue to burn, firefighters said Sunday.

Witnesses said they heard the train pass by at what seemed like a greater than usual speed, then career off the rails and erupt into flames.

Survivors of the explosion described a wall of flames as the fuel-laden cars left the tracks as dozens of people enjoyed a summer night in bars and on restaurant in the center of town.

Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway said in a statement Saturday that the train had been transporting 72 carloads of crude oil when it derailed

Top world cocaine dealer deported from Colombia to Italy



ROME (AFP) - A drug trafficker believed by Italian investigators to be the biggest cocaine smuggler in the world was deported back to Italy from Colombia this week-end after being arrested in a Bogota shopping mall with fake Venezuelan papers.

Media reports said Roberto Pannunzi, who fled from an Italian prison in 2010, smiled as he arrived at Rome's Fiumicino airport on a scheduled Alitalia flight escorted by Italian and Colombian police and dressed in a white polo shirt with dark trousers.

Referred to by Colombian authorities as the "Pablo Escobar of Italy", Pannunzi was a

member of the Calabrian mafia from southern Italy but had close ties with Colombian and Mexican drug cartels as well as the Sicilian Cosa Nostra.

Investigators said the 65-year-old Pannunzi, known by his associates as "Bebe" (Baby), organised massive shipments of cocaine from South America to Europe but managed to remain relatively anonymous in the criminal underworld.

Pannunzi, who has to serve out a 16 and a half year sentence in Italy and was on Interpol's most wanted list, was arrested in a joint operation by Colombian police and the US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

Snowden says Western states 'in bed with' NSA: report

BERLIN (AFP) - Fugitive intelligence leaker Edward Snowden said the US National Security Agency operates broad secret spying partnerships with other Western governments now complaining about its programmes, in an interview published Sunday.

Snowden said in comments made before his exposure of US espionage practices came to light last month and printed in German news weekly Der Spiegel that NSA spies are "in bed together with the Germans and most other Western states".

In remarks published in German, Snowden said an NSA department known as the Foreign Affairs Directorate co-ordinated work with foreign

secret services.

The partnerships are organised so that authorities in other countries can "insulate their political leaders from the backlash" if it becomes public "how grievously they're violating global privacy," he said.

The interview was conducted by US cryptography expert Jacob Appelbaum and documentary filmmaker Laura Poitras using "encrypted emails shortly before Snowden became known globally for his whistleblowing", Spiegel said.

On cooperation with Germany's BND foreign intelligence agency, Snowden said the NSA provides "analysis tools" for data passing through Germany from regions such as the Middle East.

The US government has revoked the passport of Snowden, a former NSA contractor who is seeking to evade US justice for leaking details about a vast US electronic surveillance programme to collect phone and Internet data.

His claims about widespread US spying on Western partners have sparked uproar among European allies in particular and threatened to derail talks on the world's largest free-trade zone due to start today.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel spoke with US President Barack Obama Wednesday and agreed to a "high-level meeting" between US and German security officials in the coming days to address intelligence matters.

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RIYADH (AFP) - A Saudi man and a child have died from the MERS virus, bringing the number of deaths from the respiratory infection in the kingdom to 38, the health ministry said on Sunday.

The 53-year-old man died from the SARS-like illness in Eastern Province, where the illness first broke out last year, the ministry's website reported.

The second victim was a two-year-old boy in the Red Sea city of Jeddah, it added.

It also reported three new confirmed MERS infections, two men in Riyadh aged 66 and 69, and a foreign employee in the health sector in Haf al-Batin in the east.

The new cases bring the number of confirmed MERS infections in Saudi Arabia to

65 since the outbreak began.

The World Health Organisation announced on Friday it had convened emergency talks on the MERS virus, which is striking hardest in Saudi Arabia.

The move came amid concern about the potential impact of October's hajj pilgrimage, when millions of Muslims from around the globe head to and from Saudi Arabia.

The WHO has not recommended any MERS-related travel restrictions, but says countries should monitor unusual respiratory infection patterns.

The first recorded MERS death was in June last year in Saudi Arabia.

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It seems deadliest for older men who already have other medical conditions, and can spread between humans, but so far appears far less contagious than SARS.

30 South African men killed in ritual circumcision

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) - Botched circumcisions killed 30 young men and landed almost 300 more in hospital during traditional initiation rites in a South African province, the health department said Sunday.

The 30 deaths in rural Eastern Cape province occurred during the annual season when young males undergo a rite of passage into manhood.

Ten other youths were hospitalised after being rescued from a forest on Sunday, said provincial health department spokesman Sizwe Kupelo in a statement.

A further 293 young men were undergoing hospital treatment for dehydration, gangrene and septic wounds, Kupelo added.

Some had lost their genitals.

Teenagers from ethnic Xhosa, Sotho and Ndebele

groups typically spend around a month in secluded bush or mountains areas for their initiation to manhood.

This includes a circumcision as well as lessons on masculine courage and discipline.

Traditional surgeons perform the procedure in the bush, sometimes with unsterilised instruments or lacking in technique.

Botched circumcisions leading to penis amputations and deaths are an annual tragedy.

In May around 34 deaths in two other provinces were reported.

The ruling African National Congress said Sunday it was "distressed" over the latest deaths.

It called for basic medical training of the traditional surgeons to render "an entrenched and necessary part of our cultural fabric" safer.

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Sci-Tech

Solar airplane lands in New York, ends US trip



NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - The experimental Solar Impulse plane, powered by the sun, completed a transcontinental trip across the United States late Saturday, touching down in New York despite a rip in the fabric of one wing.

The giant, single-person plane landed at New York's John F Kennedy airport at 0311 GMT, ahead of its originally scheduled time due to a 2.5-meter (eight-foot) long tear that appeared on the fabric of the lower side of the left wing.

Swiss pilot Andre Borschberg was met on the tarmac by his compatriot and fellow pilot Bertrand Piccard, and the two posed triumphantly for pictures.

The two men took turns flying the spindly, long-winged plane across the country.

The Solar Impulse, which

runs on four electric propellers powered by an array of solar cells mounted on the plane's 63 meter (206 foot) wingspan, had lifted off just before dawn Saturday from Washington Dulles International Airport.

The coast-to-coast US journey began on May 3, near San Francisco, California. The plane then landed in Phoenix (Arizona), Dallas/Fort Worth (Texas), St. Louis (Missouri), Cincinnati (Ohio) and the capital, Washington.

Borschberg was forced to pass the hours Saturday by circling over the Atlantic not far from the "Big Apple," before being allowed to fly over the city in the evening, due to heavy air traffic.

The plane's American trip is just the latest in a series of groundbreaking flights across different parts of the world, including Europe and Africa.

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TOKYO (AFP) - Honda Motor's humanoid robot Asimo interacts with visitors at the National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation in Tokyo this week. Honda developed an autonomous behavior control technology, which enables Asimo to make decisions required to behave in concert with the movements of the surrounding people without being controlled by an operator.



Past decade hottest on record, warming pace fastest: UN

GENEVA (AFP) - The 21st century's first decade was the hottest on record, with temperatures rising at an unprecedented pace and weather extremes claiming over 370,000 lives, the United Nations said.

This compares with the long-term average of 14 C (57.2 F), as measured from weather records dating back to 1881.

"This is the warmest decade of this whole period," said WMO chief Michel Jarraud.

When measured globally, every year of the decade except 2008 was among the 10 warmest on record, the report showed.

In 2001-2010, the average global temperature jumped 0.21 degrees (0.37F) over the previous decade. By comparison, warming rose by 0.14 C (0.25F) in the 1990s over the 1980s.



Global warming is blamed on human activity such as industrial emissions of heat-trapping greenhouse gases, chiefly carbon dioxide (CO₂).

Sceptics, however, suggest temperatures should be even higher according to estimates based on CO₂ levels and that global warming is therefore plateauing.

"There's no plateau. If you filter out the very short-term

variability, the last decade was the warmest by a significant margin," Jarraud countered.

He backed suggestions that heat is being stored in the deep ocean, where it was bound to be released in the future.

Some doubters also point to recent harsh winters, or the current sluggish start to the European summer, which feeds a natural human tendency to grumble about the weather.

"When you look at climate variability and climate change, it's very important not to focus on a particular part of the world or to concentrate on a particular year," said Jarraud.

Based on surveys of 139 countries, the WMO report showed that nearly 94 percent registered their warmest decade in 2001-2010, while 44 percent reported nationwide temperature records during the period.

Floods were the most frequent extreme event during the decade, such as those in 2010 in Pakistan that killed some 2,000 people and affected 20 million others, the WMO said.

The number of people killed by floods fell by 43 percent, and those who perished in storms by 16 percent over the decade, thanks to better early warning systems and increased preparedness.

Despite this, the first 10 years of the 21st century registered more than 370,000 deaths linked to weather extremes, up 20 percent from the previous decade.

The increase was mainly due to heatwaves in Europe in 2003 and in Russia in 2010, which helped push the global heatwave death toll to 136,000, compared to just 6,000 in the previous decade.

"When the question is asked, is it due to climate change, our traditional answer has been in most cases we cannot tell you, we cannot attribute a single event to climate change, because these events results from many complex interactions," said Jarraud.

"However, because of climate change, we expect these things to become more frequent, or more intense. Change has increased the probability," he said.

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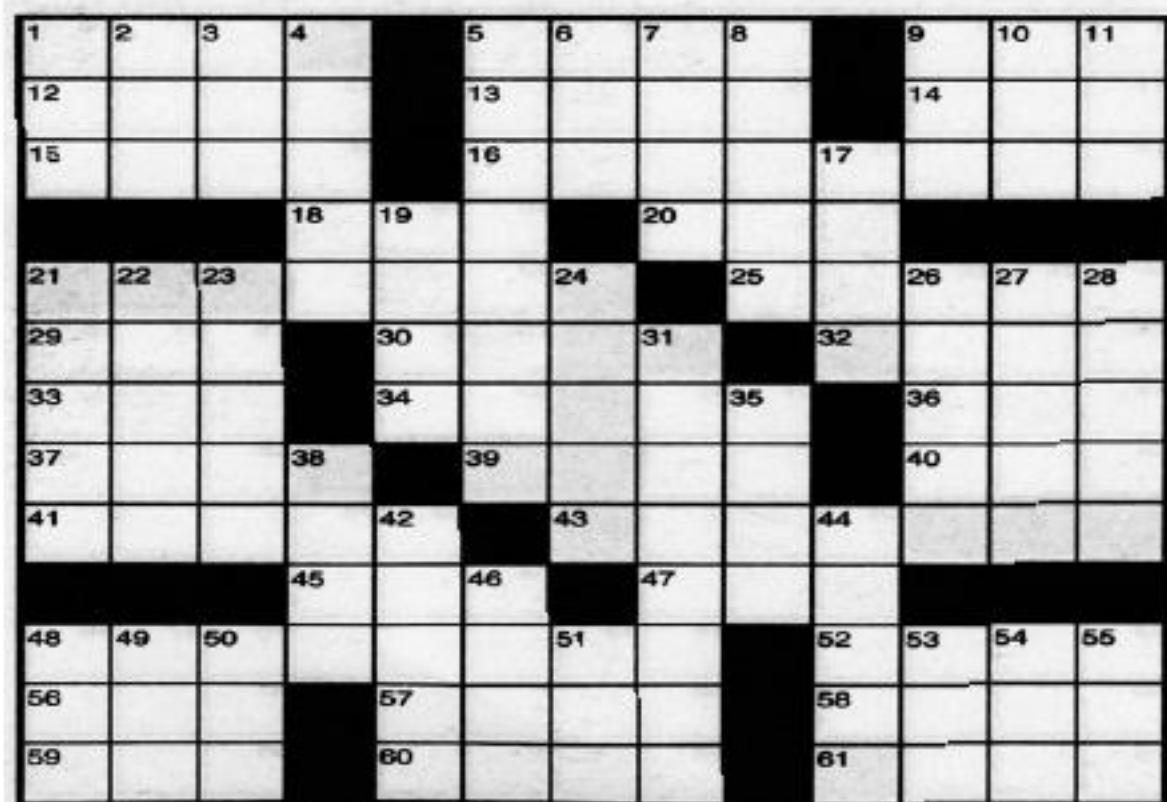
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37. Sluggers' successes (abbr.)
39. Group of three
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27. End one's boredom
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31. Military wear
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Vatican bank open to money laundering: inquiry

ROME (AFP) - Italian investigators have said that the Vatican bank operated in a way that facilitated money laundering, according to leaked papers quoted by two Italian newspapers on Saturday following a three-year inquiry.

The bank, officially known as the Institute for Works of Religion (IOR in Italian) did not carry out enough checks on its clients and account holders were allowed to transfer large sums on behalf of others.

"There is a high risk that the way the IOR operates, without specifying its real clients, can be used as a screen to hide illegal operations," prosecutors wrote in a document that was quoted by Corriere della Sera.

They also faulted Italian banks that accepted transfers from the IOR for failing to probe the origin of the money, which is then moved into other banks.

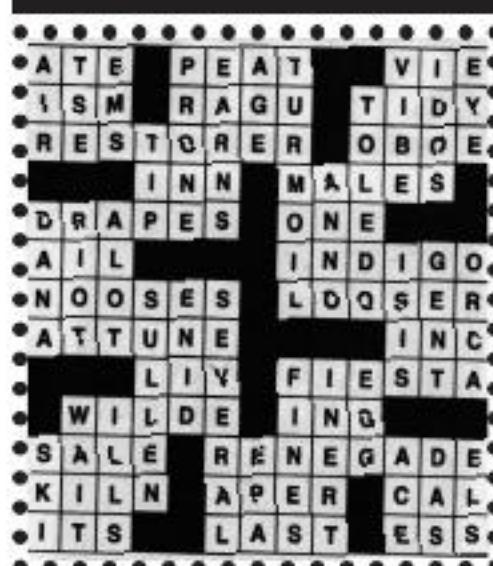
They also contradicted IOR statements that its account holders are all religious congregations or clergy.

"There are also private individuals who, because they enjoy a particular relationship with the Holy See, can deposit money and open accounts," they said.

The investigation centred on a 23-million-euro (\$30-million)

SATURDAY'S

Crossword Answer



MEDELLIN (AFP) - A tattoo artist works on a customer's body during the fourth International Tattoo Convention in Medellin, Antioquia department, Colombia on weekend.

FINANCE

Greece sees today's deal on EU-IMF rescue funds

ATHENS (AFP) - Greece and its international creditors expressed hopes of reaching a deal today on reforms including thousands of job cuts needed for the debt-laden nation to unlock further aid worth 8.1 billion euros (\$10.4 billion).

Greece needs to come to an accord with the troika of international creditors -- the IMF, the European Union and the European Central Bank -- by today, when eurozone finance ministers are due to meet to decide if the bloc should release the next instalment of rescue funds worth 6.3 billion euros.

The marathon talks which began last month will now move from Athens to Brussels up until the start of the Eurogroup meeting.

The IMF is also due to decide by the end of July whether to disburse its scheduled contribution of 1.8 billion euros to the bailout kitty.

The funds are necessary as Greece must redeem three-month and six-month debt worth 6.6 billion euros by mid-August.

French Finance Minister Pierre Moscovici also sounded upbeat that a deal would emerge to release the next rescue funds.

Among reforms being negotiated are 4,000 state job cuts by the end of the year, which Athens had pledged.

Greece must also redeploy 25,000 civil servants across its vast bureaucracy. These include some 2,000 teachers. Athens has proposed moving to other services.

Another 3,500 local police are to be incorporated in the national forces, a proposed move that has sparked strong opposition from local administration staff.

Local police have gone on strike until Tuesday over their redeployment, which they say is unconstitutional.

China, Switzerland sign free trade agreement

BEIJING (AFP) - China and Switzerland on Saturday signed a free trade agreement (FTA) -- Beijing's first in continental Europe -- in a deal that comes against a backdrop of trade tensions between the Asian giant and the European Union (EU).

Chinese Commerce Minister Gao Hucheng and Swiss Economy Minister Johann Schneider-Ammann inked the accord in a ceremony at the Commerce Ministry in Beijing before officials and reporters.

Afterwards, they clinked glasses of champagne in celebration of the agreement, which aims to increase the \$26.3 billion in bilateral trade they recorded in 2012.

China in April signed its first FTA with a European country -- non-EU member Iceland -- but Saturday's deal marks the first with an economy in mainland Europe.

Switzerland ranked as the world's 19th-largest economy in 2012, according to the World Bank. China is the world's second-biggest.

Fiercely independent Switzerland is not a member of the EU and even waited decades to join the United Nations.

Nonetheless, it is an economic heavyweight known for high-value luxury goods such as its world famous watches and as a financial centre.

Switzerland mainly sells watches, pharmaceuticals and chemicals, as well as machinery to China, which ships mostly textiles and machinery back to Switzerland.

Unlike most western countries, Switzerland enjoys a huge trade surplus with China to the tune of \$22.8 billion last year.

Switzerland and China had signed a preliminary FTA agreement in May during a visit to the landlocked European nation by Chinese Premier Li Keqiang.

Schneider-Ammann said the deal is also important for hedg-

ing risks.

"We get a chance to spread out the risk of the Swiss economy a little bit over the borders of our European neighbourhood," he said. "It has a great importance."

The EU economy has experienced serious turmoil over the past several years in the wake of the global financial crisis and due to sovereign debt instability that engulfed Greece and other member states including Spain, Italy and Portugal.

The 28-member bloc and China have jostled over mutual claims of unfair trade practices in sectors including Chinese solar panels and European wine, leading to worries that the dispute could spiral out of control.

A visit to Beijing last month by the EU's trade chief, who held talks with Gao, helped damp down tensions and increased optimism the two sides can come to terms on their differences.

Schneider-Ammann said doing so was vital for smaller countries like his own.

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moving one or both breast.

The Zumbathon took place Sunday June 30th on the Plaza Betico Croes from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. A total of 8 Zumba Schools joined to show their support for a good cause.

Winners of the Zumba Challenge were in 1st place: Andrea Alfonso's Zumba

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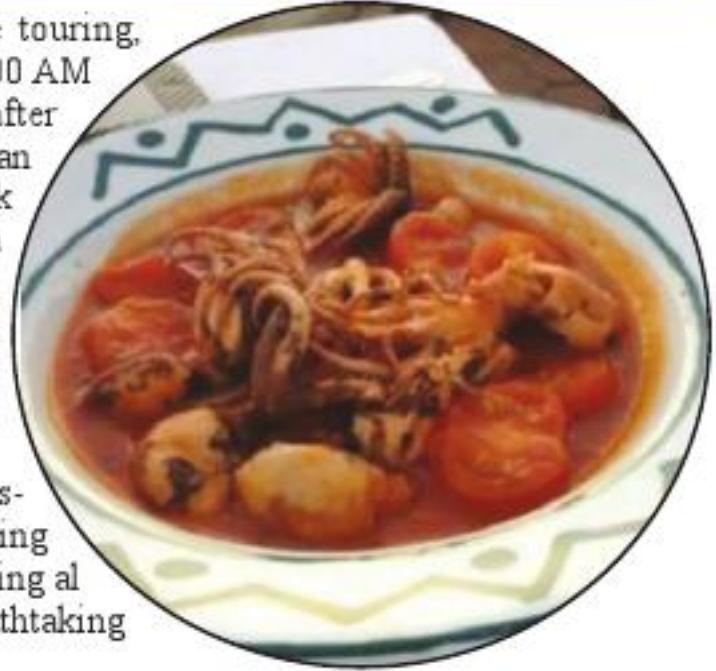
and management is ready and willing to help you stay within your budget.

Many have taken note of this singular location as the place to go for that memorable romantic meal, and their reservation staff reports a waiting list for the rail tables that offer the best unobstructed view, recommending reservations well in advance if this is important to you.

The restaurant is now open from early in the day for refreshments, and is the perfect

lunch stop while touring, serving from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM, after which visitors can enjoy a light snack from their Pizza Mini Menu until 6:00 PM when they officially open for dinner, until 11:00 PM.

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Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

--Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches



and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of

Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great

demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property, not the least is the future value of the

investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

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Murray wins Wimbledon title, ends 77-year agony

LONDON (AFP) - Andy Murray ended Britain's agonising 77-year wait for a Wimbledon men's singles champion on Sunday when he destroyed world number one Novak Djokovic, 6-4, 7-5, 6-4 in the blistering heat of the All England Club.

The 26-year-old became the country's first male winner since Fred Perry in 1936, the year the Spanish Civil War started, Jesse Owens defied Hitler at the Berlin Olympics and Gone With The Wind was published.

It was Murray's second Grand Slam title to follow his breakthrough triumph at the US Open in 2012.

However, Sunday's title showdown, between two men who have now contested three of the last four Grand Slam finals, rarely lived up to expectations.

Both struggled in the stifling 40-degree heat and the top-seeded Serb, who had beaten Murray in the Australian Open



final in January, looked jaded after his record four hour 43-minute semi-final victory over Juan Martin del Potro.

And despite leads of 4-1 in the second set and 4-2 in the third, he was out-hit by Murray who finished with 36 winners to 31, with 21 unforced errors to the Serb's 40 and having carved out 17 break points.

"I have played Novak many times and when everyone finishes playing, he will go down as one of the fighters," said Murray, a tearful runner-up in 2012.

"He did the same today and that is what made it tough. I understand how much everyone wanted to see British winner at Wimbledon and I hope

everyone enjoyed it.

On Fred Perry, who died in 1995, Murray regretted that he never got the chance to meet him.

Djokovic, who lost in straight sets at a Grand Slam for the first time since the semi-finals against Tomas Berdych at Wimbledon three years ago, praised Murray.

"It wasn't easy. Andy deserves the win, he played incredible tennis. Congratulations to him and his whole team and the country, I know what it means to you all," said the Serb.

Inside a baking Centre Court, and watched by Victoria Beckham, Wayne Rooney as well as Hollywood stars Gerard Butler and Bradley Cooper, the first point of the match was a punishing 20 strokes.

Djokovic, in his 11th Grand Slam final and chasing a seventh major, was broken for 4-5 before the British star, with the crowd on their feet, wasted three match points.

He finally achieved his place in history when Djokovic netted a backhand after three hours and nine minutes of action.



WIMBLEDON (AFP) - France's Marion Bartoli (L) walks with runner up Germany's Sabine Lisicki (R) after the presentation for the women's singles final match on day twelve of the 2013 Wimbledon Championships tennis tournament at the All England Club in Wimbledon, southwest London, on July 6, 2013. Bartoli won 6-1, 6-4.

SPORTS

Football: Henry among 10 MLS All-Stars to face AS Roma

NEW YORK (AFP) - French star Thierry Henry was among 10 players named Sunday as members of the Major League Soccer All-Stars squad that will face Italy's AS Roma in the MLS All-Star Game on July 31 at Kansas City.

Henry, a 35-year-old striker for New York who helped France to the 1998 World Cup, has six goals in 17 matches this year for the Red Bulls. He was a former Arsenal, Juventus and Barcelona standout before his 2010 US move.

Peruvian goalkeeper Raul Fernandez of FC Dallas, Canadian national team midfielder Will Johnson and French defender Aurelien Collin of Kansas City were the other non-US players voted into the lineup by MLS supporters.

Chicago midfielder Mike Magee, who has 10 goals this season, was joined on the select squad by five fellow Americans from the US national team -- San Jose forward Chris Wondolowski, Houston midfielder Brad Davis, Los Angeles defender Omar Gonzalez and Kansas City's midfielder Graham Zusi and defender Matt Besler.

MLS All-Star coach Peter Vermes and MLS commissioner Don Garber will select other players for the MLS lineup, with Vermes deciding which players are on the final 18-man game roster that will face the Serie A squad.



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Yachting: New Zealand sails to Louis Vuitton forfeit win

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - An America's Cup yachting event already marred by tragedy was stung again in its first race Sunday when Emirates Team New Zealand won by forfeit Sunday over Italy's Luna Rossa on San Francisco Bay.

Luna Rossa boycotted the challengers' Louis Vuitton Cup round-robin opener in a rules protest, the Italians refusing to race until an international jury rules on its protest against a late change to a rudder design rule.

But as a result, the Kiwi squad aboard Aotearoa sailed the seven-leg course alone, completing almost 16 nautical

miles in 46 minutes, 27 seconds. The crew averaged 20 knots with a top speed of 35 knots.

A tweet from Team New Zealand during the race said, "Half way through race 1. No surprises to be leading in a race with ourselves."

It was a lackluster start for an event set to last until late September, when holders Oracle will face one of three challengers in the America's Cup proper.

Sirena says Murray exceeded his authority to impose some of the 37 safety rules created in the wake of British sailor Andrew Simpson's death in May without approval from all of the competing teams.

Simpson died in a training accident in which the AC72 catamaran of Swedish syndicate Artemis Racing capsized, and Murray has held firm that rule changes aimed at preventing another such tragedy were within his authority.

Rivals have complained that

Oracle was handed an advantage by the rudder design rule change because it has trained with the new design.

An international jury is expected to rule on the rules protest this week.

A total of 15 round-robin races were scheduled through August 1 to decide one qualifier for next month's challenger final, with the remaining two boats to stage another head-to-head series for the remaining challenger final spot.

With Artemis struggling to recover and not planning to race this month, the five races between Luna Rossa and Team New Zealand took on greater importance as the other 10 are also unlikely to feature more than one boat.

Luna Rossa's forfeit means that for the Italians to move directly into the challenger final, they must win three of the four remaining races scheduled with New Zealand, which weather permitting will be on July 13, 21, 23 and 28.

Orioles beat Yankees, 2-1

-- A day after being named to the All-Star Game for the final time, Mariano Rivera blew his second save of the season today in a 2-1 loss to the Orioles at Yankee Stadium.

Rivera allowed a two-run homer to Adam Jones and the Yankees had their season-high, six-game winning streak snapped.

The blown save cost Hiroki Kuroda the victory. The right-hander was brilliant over seven innings after having his start pushed back by a sore left hip flexor.

Kuroda allowed just three hits and was in line for his eighth victory after David Robertson pitched a scoreless eighth, preserving the Yankees' 1-0 lead.

But Rivera (1-2) was shaky from the start in the ninth. After retiring Manny Machado to start the inning, Rivera allowed a long fly ball to Nick Markakis to right, which just

missed being a game-tying solo homer.

Markakis then singled to center, bringing up Jones, who hit one out to left.

And the feeble Yankees offense, which did not have an extra-base hit again, couldn't mount another comeback off Baltimore closer Jim Johnson, as Lyle Overbay and Luis Cruz struck out and Eduardo Nunez grounded to first to end it.

Darren O'Day (5-0) picked up the win for Baltimore.

Nunez, just activated Saturday, drove in the only Yankees run with a second-inning sacrifice fly that scored Zoilo Almonte.

But that was it for the Yankees bats. Their bench is so thin, that because Vernon Wells pinch-hit for Travis Hafner in the eighth, Joe Girardi had no legitimate options to turn to in the ninth when the journeyman Cruz came to the plate.



La Trinité-sur-Mer (AFP) - French yachtsman Marc Guillemot arrives with his 'Safran' monohull in La Trinité-sur-Mer, western France, on July 7, 2013 after establishing a new record across the north Atlantic Ocean. Guillemot set a new record for a solo, single-hulled crossing of the north Atlantic Ocean, slicing more than 15 hours off the previous mark.



Chris Weidman's knockout of Anderson Silva in the second round ends Silva's nearly seven-year run atop MMA's middleweight division.

Chris Weidman, a 29-year-old Baldwin native, knocked out the legendary Anderson Silva in the second-round of their title fight Saturday night, sending shockwaves through the mixed martial arts world. Silva, 38, was considered the Michael Jordan of MMA. A lethal striker and submission artist, he hadn't been beaten in nearly a decade. Weidman, on the other hand, only turned pro four years ago. At 6-foot-2 and 185 pounds, Weidman is built more like a missile than a tank. Ray Longo, a veteran MMA coach who trains Weidman at his gym in Garden City, described his student as the rare wrestler who is equally skilled in striking and submission techniques.

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Aruba's Kyra Hoevertsz takes 2 gold medals at CCCAN Synchro championships



Solo Kyra Hoevertsz

--Two years ago at the Central American and Caribbean Swimming Championships (CCCAN) in Puerto Rico Kyra was crowned champion in the category 12 yrs and under in synchronized swimming. This time in Costa Rica she did it again, but in the 13 -15yrs category. But not only did she take gold in the technical routine but she also took gold in her solo presentation.

Since the end of last year Kyra has been residing in Walnut Creek, California. This step was taken for her to be able to develop in her sport of synchronized swimming. Notwithstanding the little time Kyra has trained with the Walnut Creek Aquanuts the achievements of Kyra are outstanding. In the US she has competed in various regional championships where her progress

was noticeable. In April Kyra competed with her team and won silver in the team event at the U.S Nationals Synchro Swimming Championships.

A total of 14 soloists coming from 9 different countries competed for the maximum title including Aruba's Kyra Hoevertsz. Her main opponent was Venezuela's Lilia Nuñez, but Kyra showed superiority among her opponents in her category.

Not only did Kyra surpass Venezuela's Nuñez in the figures category, but also in the solos with a nearly three point difference. Kyra finished with a total of 135.215 pts and Lilia with 132.862 pts. Curaçao's Shelby Kasse finished third with a total of 130.646 pts.

Aruba can be proud 2 gold medals from Kyra Hoevertsz.

Congratulations Kyra!

NBA: Howard headed to Houston

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Dwight Howard, the most coveted player in the NBA's 2013 free agent class, will depart the Los Angeles Lakers for the Houston Rockets, the former Defensive Player of the Year announced. The seven-time All-Star posted a picture of himself wearing a red Rockets jersey. USA Today reported Howard's deal is worth \$88 million over four years. Prior to taking to social media, Howard informed the Lakers that he would not return to the club. "Welcome to Houston Dwight Howard!!!!" tweeted Rockets general manager Daryl Morey - who earlier in the day had tried to tamp down expectations by saying on Twitter that no deal was in place. The Lakers acquired Howard from the Orlando Magic in a 12-player, four-team deal in August of 2012. Howard was named NBA Defensive Player of the Year three times (2009-2011) with Orlando and had helped the club reach the 2009 NBA finals, where they lost to the Lakers. He had become disenchanted with the Magic and asked to be traded.

